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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this response to the Non-Final Office Action that was mailed on July 16, 2002. In that Office Action, the Examiner set a three-month period in which to reply. Accompanying this response is a petition for a one-month extension of time, as well as the requisite fee. Also accompanying this submission is a marked up copy of the claims as amended.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Replace --SR-- with the word "Spacer" on page 15, line 20.

Replace the word --lables-- with "labels" on page 23, line 6.

Replace --preferableto-- with "preferable to" on page 23, line 23.

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I hereby declare that on the date provided below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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